

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

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Final Rule: Chapter 40—Boating Speed & Distance Zoning - Lake Cornelia

The NRC is requested to approve the amendments of Chapter 40, Boating Speed & Distance Zoning. This amendment was requested by the Wright County Conservation Board to establish two no-wake zones on the north shore of Lake Cornelia in Wright County, by placement of regulatory buoys in such a way as to define the no-wake zones. One zone will designate the public swimming area and the second zone will designate the boat harbor and boat harbor entrance. This request is being made in an effort to regulate/reduce boat speed and increase swimmer and boating safety. No comments were received at the public hearings, and minor changes for clarification were made to the Notice of Intended Action.

Changed from: All vessels shall be operated at a no-wake speed in the boat harbor and at the boat harbor entrance within the zoned area extending 300 feet from shore and 100 feet wide.

To: All vessels shall be operated at a no-wake speed in the boat harbor and at the boat harbor entrance within the zoned area extending 300 feet from two points on shore 100 feet wide, equidistant from either side of the harbor entrance.

Lowell Joslin, Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
July 10, 2008

Attachment: Final Rule: Chapter 40 Boating Speed and Distance Zoning - Lake Cornelia

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION[571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 40, “Boating Speed and Distance Zoning,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment was requested by the Wright County Conservation Board to establish two no-wake zones on the north shore of Lake Cornelia by placement of regulatory buoys in such a way as to define the no-wake zones. One zone will designate the public swimming area and the second zone will designate the boat harbor and harbor entrance. This amendment is being adopted in an effort to regulate/reduce boat speed and increase swimmer and boating safety.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on June 4, 2008, as ARC6827B. Public hearings were held at Lake Cornelia County Conservation Board office on September 12, 2007, and the Wallace State Office Building on June 25, 2008. No written or oral comments were received during the comment period. Minor changes which clarify the amendment’s intent have been made from the Notice of Intended Action.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 456A.25.

The following amendment will become effective September 17, 2008.

The following amendment is adopted.

Adopt the following new rule 571—40.58(462A):

571--40.58(462A) Zoning of Lake Cornelia, Wright County. All vessels shall be operated at a no-wake speed in the boat harbor and at the boat harbor entrance within the zoned area extending 300 feet from two points on shore 100 feet in width, equi-distant from either side of the harbor entrance. The Wright County Conservation Board shall designate the boat harbor entrance and the public swimming area with uniform marker buoys approved by the natural resource commission.

Date

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